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Welcome



Topic & Format

- Topic related to Alaska's State Plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
 - Background
 - Considerations
 - Discussion
 - Response



High School Assessments

Background

What does ESSA say?

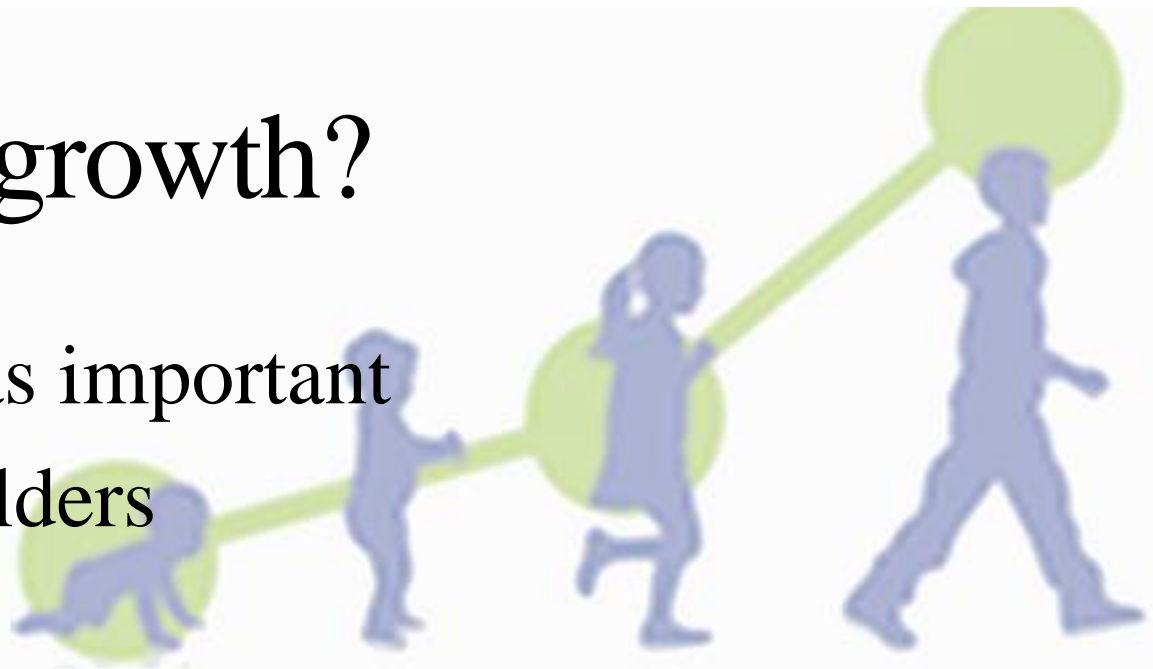
- ELA and math at least once in high school
- High school grades that can be tested now include 9-12
- Alaska has tested in grades 9 and 10 on the ELA/math assessment since 2002.

High School Assessments

Considerations

Measure growth?

- Indicated as important by stakeholders
- If test in grade 9, can measure growth directly from grade 8
- If test in grade 10 or 11, may be possible to calculate growth, but need to look at technical questions



Measure college- or career-readiness?

- Repeal of college- or career-ready assessment (CCRA) requirement
- If test in 9th or 10th only, may be possible to offer CCRA as option in grade 11
- If test in grade 11 only, state test could possibly measure college or career readiness

Some Considerations

- At what grade will high school students most successfully test?
- What grade will give the most useful information?
- Varied course trajectories for math: 10th grade?
- Test in 9th and/or 10th and offer option of CCRA assessment choice in 11th grade for possible use in accountability system
- Testing in one high school grade can minimize testing time



Use of ACT or SAT?

- Use for both assessment requirement and college admissions/planning?
- Equity for students with disabilities or English learners in availability of accommodations and/or equity in not having a college-reportable score?
- Cultural relevance?
- What about career readiness assessment for non-college bound students?
- Most appropriate for grade 11?

Discuss & Respond

- Discuss

- In what high school grade/grades should Alaska test?
Why?
- Should Alaska consider using ACT or SAT in 11th grade to meet the high school assessment requirement? Why?

- Respond

- On survey link provided by email

WHAT
DO
YOU
THINK?



Thank you



Please make sure to click on the survey link.